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DAHLIAS

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The Dahlia you will remember, a few years ago was just a flower and classed equally with the other flowers we grew in our gardens, but today it is the largest, most beautiful and most extensively grown of them all. There are several thousand different varieties with colors and formations of every description; they range in size from one inch to more than a foot in diameter.

The Dahlia is easily grown and responds to ordinary culture, therefore a very satisfactory flower for all to grow.

Since the Dahlia started to make such rapid progress as an exhibition and cut flower the New Jersey Growers have played a very important part, especially in the introduction of new varieties.

At the show, the American Dahlia Society holds in New York City each fall, you will find Jersey Dahlias occupy over one half of the entire show room and they always win their share of the Gold Medals and other Special Prizes.

The New Jersey Growers are very successful and this success is due, not only to the fact that most of the best dahlias are grown in New Jersey, but also to the support the buying public has given them.

We have confined our list to one hundred varieties and will continue, as in the past, to list only the very best dahlias, selected from our own introductions and from other growers' collections throughout the country.

Our stock is healthy and grows satisfactorily in all parts of the country.

Let your next order be from Nuneviller's stock of 100 best varieties and when they bloom you will be proud of your success.

We appreciate the support we have received from our many friends and we are proud to say it has enabled us to offer such a complete list of the very best dahlias. We therefore pledge ourselves to give all a square deal.

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INFORMATION

- **ORDER EARLY..** Our stock is very limited on some varieties. We advise you to order before our stock is depleted.
- **TERMS AND DELIVERY.** Cash with order. All stock will be shipped Parcel Post prepaid May 2 to May 16 unless otherwise stated.
- **GUARANTEE.** We guarantee all of our stock to be healthy and as represented true to name and their arrival in good condition. We cheerfully replace any that should prove otherwise. We do not substitute unless requested. Money will be immediately refunded if stock is exhausted.

25% FREE

We give absolutely free any stock you may select from this list to the amount of 25% of your order.

On each dollar of your order you are allowed 25c toward any tuber or plant in this catalog.

This does not apply to special collections which have been priced very low.

VARIETIES

- Key—C., Cactus; D., Decorative; P., Peony; H. C., Hybrid Cactus; H. D., Hybrid Decorative.
- ALICE WHITTIER, H. C., (Reed)—Won president's cup at Boston 1924 and best dahlia exhibited by an amature at San Francisco, 1926. Extra large 9 to 11 inches in diameter, 5 to 6 inches deep. Color, primrose yellow with a golden glow at base of petals. Stems hold flowers erect.

Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.

- AMARILLO GRAND, H. D. (Broomall)—Light yellow, compared with Sunny South the petals are broader and the flowers are much larger, in fact they are enormous and are produced in abundance.

 Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.
- AMBASSADOR, C. (Broomall)—Is exhibited at every dahlia show, a fine exhibition and commercial flower of soft yellow, buff shaded salmon pink. Well formed flowers of large size borne on very good stems.

 Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- **CALIZONA, D.** (Broomall)—A golden yellow, tall grower, pleasing and distinct and prolific bloomer. Very good.

 Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50
- ADELINE C. LORBEER, C. (Broomall)—I regard this as the best, pure bright red Cactus Dahlia that I have even seen. The medium large flowers are produced on fine stems. The color is spectrum red (scarlet red) without shading. This desirable dahlia stands hot sun well without bleaching or burning and keeps well as a cut flower. Certainly the best of its color for cutting.

Tubers, \$15.00; Plants, \$7.50.

CASPER G. WARE, D., (Dahliadel-Bowen)—Flowers 8 to 10 inches. Regularly formed and produced profusely on strong stems. Color bright clear violet rose. We recommend this variety for exhibition and commercial qualities. When cut it keeps longer than any other dahlia.

Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50.

C. B. GITHENS, C. (Peacock)—One of the finest clear yellow dahlias we have grown. Well formed flowers, good substance and keeping qualities. Long slender stiff stem. Good commercial cut flower.

Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.

CHAMPAGNE, D. (Boston)—A warm autumn shade, varying from burnished copper to a dull golden champagne and chamois. Stems are strong and hold the flowers upright.

Tubers, **\$2.00**; Plants, **\$1.00**.

- CHARLES STRATTON, D. (Chester)—A grand exhibition fluffy dahlia, having been awarded many prizes for its large size and artistic coloring. Color is pale gold shaded and tipped with old rose. You will like this one. Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.
- **EAGLE ROCK JEWEL, H. C.** (Broomall)—Cream overlaid cameo pink (shell pink). This dahlia is considered the most artistic dahlia ever grown, the large flowers are borne on strong stems, it is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer.

Tubers, \$50.00; Plants, \$25.00.

EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY, D. (Broomall)—Gorgeous dahlia with long petals, pink and cream of very large size. Sturdy grower. One of the most beautiful dahlias.

Tubers, \$30.00; Plants, \$15.00.

- **EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE, C.** (Broomall)—A deep golden color. Has every desirable point. All of us will grow this one. Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.
- **EASTERN STAR, D.** (Dahliadel)—Scored 87 exhibition, and 88 commercial at the D. S. of N. J., Trial Grounds, a soft saffron yellow with old gold shadings. The large flowers are full to the center and borne on good stems. Tubers, **\$5.00**; Plants, **\$2.50**.
- **ELITE GLORY, D.** (Kennedy)—A giant dahlia, very pleasing and spectacular in appearance. Color brilliant red. One of the most handsome dahlias to date. Strong grower, stout stem, holds flower perfectly. Highly recommended.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00. ELIZA CLARK BULL, D. (Boston)—We are pleased to recommend

this beautiful white dahlia. A free bloomer. Large and well built with best of stem. Very attractive.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.

ELKRIDGE, **D.** (Griffiths)—This splendid new white dahlia has the distinction of winning the medal for the best new variety at the A. D. S. exhibition held at New York 1926. The flowers are of good size, borne on splendid stems, petals firm in texture and it is particularly fine for keeping when cut. Vigorous growers and flowers are produced in great profusion. Plants, **\$5.00**.

and great size, having every desirable quality. One of the best dahlias from the Pacific Coast. Color glowing satiny pink. Long stiff stems, prolific bloomer. An outstanding very like the provided of the pacific coast.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.

ELSIE DANIELS, H. C. (Meachen & Sherman)—The color of this wonderful dahlia is pale violet orchid, with long wavy white center petals. Bush rather dwarf with immense exhibition, blooms held well out of the foliage on strong stems.

Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.

- EMMA MARIE, H. C. (Dahliadel)—No garden is complete without this beautiful pink dahlia, with a white center. There is from the very beginning to the end of the blooming season a bush full of handsome blooms, held on good stems. Very good cut flower. Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50.
- EVA COLE D. (Murphy)—Flowers 9 to 10 inches in diameter, splendidly built, bright, clear red and gold. Good stems.

 Tubers, \$7.50: Plants. \$3.50.
- **FAITH GARIBALDI, D.** (Boston)—A superb rose pink of great size, does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. Flowers are held up straight on long stiff stems.

Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50.

- FAY LAMPIER, H. C. (Edmyel Dahlia Farm)—A very beautiful creamy yellow, the color we all like. The handsome large blooms are held on good stems. Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.
- FRANCES LOBDELL, H. C. (Waite)—Flowers large and of perfect form, mellow pink shading to white in the center. Free bloomer, splendid bedding and exhibition variety.

 Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- **FRANCES SEAMAN, D.**—Color silvery rose pink. An exhibition flower of large size, on good stems.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.

- GIANT RUBY, D. (Grienberg)—Vivid red, one of the best red dahlias, exhibition type, full center and good stem.

 Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- GCLDEN FLEECE, D. (Seal)—A large golden yellow deep to the center, frequently tipped white. Strong open growing bush. Blooms are borne on long stems, which hold the blooms upright.

 Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.09.

- GOLDEN EMBLEM, D. (White)—A very beautiful new yellow, one of the very best from Oregon this year. The color is rich golden yellow. The strong healthy bush is a free bloomer and the large flowers are borne on the very best stems. Plants, \$5.00.
- **GRANDCLA, D.** (Broomall)—Brilliant orange, medium size blooms, held erect on fine stems. Certain to become a popular cut flower.

 Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.59.
- **GRISETTE, H. C.** (Boston)—Color a fascinating old gold, flushed pink, excellent exhibition as well as cut flower. Exceptionally full center, fine stem. Tubers, **\$2.69**; Plants, **\$1.00**.
- HALVELLA, D. (McWhirter)—A beautiful shade of rose pink, very large flowers, held erect on strong stems. Good for exhibition and cutting.

 Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- HARRY SHELDON, JR., D. (Murphy)—An enormous bloom with white center and pink outer petals. Wonderful exhibition flowers. The stems are a little pendent in wet weather.

 Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.
- **HERALD TRIBUNE ELITE, H. D.** (Kennedy)—Flowers 8 inches in diameter. Pure white blooms on extra good stems. A prize winner. Tubers, **\$5.00**; Plants, **\$2.50**.
- HIS MAJESTY, D. (Boston)—Bright scarlet dahlia of large size and straight stems. Formation of petals is slightly irregular which adds greatly to its charm. Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.
- JERSEY'S BEAUTY, D. (Waite)—Perfect bloom of Erosine pink, carried high above the foliage on a long straight stem. A good cut flower as well as exhibition variety. Has won many prizes and medals.

 Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.
- JERSEY'S BEACON, D. (Waite)—We recommend this giant dahlia very highly. A Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving it a two-tone effect. Very good habit and stem.. Won silver medal for best new seedling at New York 1924.

 Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50.
- **JERSEY'S CAPRICE, D.** (Waite)—One of the autumn shades that is hard to describe, flowers large and of good form and substance, stems rigid, holding the bloom erect. Plants, **\$5.00**.
- JERSEY'S EMPRESS, D. (Waite)—Very large 9 to 11 inches with a pleasing narrow petal, color vivid pomegranate purple, flowers are deep and do not burn. Plants, \$5.00.

- JERSEY'S IDEAL, D. (Waite)—Color a light rosolane purple, a most handsome exhibition dahlia of large size and good stem. Blooms 8 to 10 inches. Plants, \$5.00.
- JERSEY'S MAMMOTH, H. D. (Waite)—The largest of the Jersey family. Those competing for size can depend on this one. Color rich golden mahogany. Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50.
- JERSEY'S RADIANT, H. C. (Waite)—A radiant color of bittersweet orange, borne on long stiff stems well above the foliage. An exhibition variety. Received certificate A. D. S. 1923. Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- **JERSEY'S SUPREME**, **D.** (Waite)—A very strong grower, the large flowers are beautiful lilac-pink, prolific bloomer. Good stem. Plants, **\$5.00**.
- JERSEY'S SOVEREIGN, D. (Waite)—A beautiful shade of orange, flowers of good size on fine stems. Free bloomer.

 Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- **JUNIOR, D.** (Seal)—An enormous pure lavender flower and full of class. An exhibition variety that has won many prizes.

 Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$1.00.
- **KARMA, H. D.** (Spencer)—Large pink shaded blooms on fine stems, tall growing bush. Prolific bloomer.

 Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.
- KING SOLOMON, H. C. (Blue Ribbon)—Color orange buff, petals curl and twist forming an artistic dahlia. Stems are good. Strong grower. The blooms do not always have full centers.

 Tubers, \$4.09; Plants, \$2.60.
- LADY LYNDCRA, D. (Lyndora Gardens)—Wen Gold Medal at the Camden show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey 1926 for best undisseminated seedling. The color is a charming blend of pink and white. It is a good keeper, low growing bush and free bloomer. Wonderful large flowers for house decorating and exhibition.

 Plants, \$5.00.
- LAVENDULA, D. (Broomall)—I consider this to be the best large flowered lavender dahlia I have seen. The color is a pleasing shade of lavender throughout. It is a strong grower, with fine stems and habit, and was admired by all who saw it bloom.

 Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.

LA RODA, D. (Broomall)—Silvery rose pink, large well formed flowers held erect on strong stems. A leading Eastern grower declared this fine variety to be the best dahlia that he saw growing in the New York Botanical Gardens in 1925.

Tubers, \$30.00; Plants, \$15.00.

- LILLIAN BALDWIN, D. (Danker)—The champion keeper. Winner of the Darnell Cup at the A. D. S. show at New York for best keeping variety. Scored 87 at Storrs Gardens in 1925. A beautiful shade of rose pink or crushed strawberry, stems are long and strong, a prolific bloomer. A wonderful variety for cutting as well as exhibition. Plants, \$5.09.
- MARGARET WOODROW WILSON, D. (Fisher & Masson)—A handsome white with rhodamine purple reverse. The bush is strong and sturdy. The flowers are 8 to 10 inches in diameter and held on good stems. You will like this one.

Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.

MARGARET MASSON, D. (Fisher & Masson)—It is a silvery rose pink of great depth and size. Grew 11 inches in our trial gardens. Wonderful exhibition variety on account of its good keeping qualities and fine upright stems.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.

MARIPOSA, H. C., (Boston)—Color is a delightful shade of true pink, which is intensified by a deeper colored center, a faint violet suffusion adding to the effect. Good stem.

Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.

MARION BROOMALL, H. C., (Broomall)—Pink and white, descendant of Gladys Sherwood, it is more cactus than Gladys Sherwood with better stems and habit. A beautiful flower.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.

MARMION, D. (Tyler)—Truly an immense flower grown on tall bushes. The color is pure golden yellow, with bronze suffusion on reverse of petals, a deeper bronze tone on the high center, outlining each petal. The stems are good and hold the large bloom gracefully above the sturdy plant.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.

MIRAFLORA, C. (Broomall)—White tinted violet pink, the petals are long, straight and rather narrow, the flowers are 8 to 10 inches in diameter without disbudding. Prolific bloomer with good stems.

Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.

- MISS BRIDGETON, H. D. (Venable)—Beautiful light pink with violet suffusion, a tall vigorous grower. Stems slender and not always holding the flower erect. Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- MISS ATLANTIC CITY, H. D. (Dahliadel-Rentschler)—Very artistic, long tapered petals which curve back toward the stem. Color lilac rose, suffused redish golden bronze. Fine grower. Best of stem.

 Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.
- MORDELLA, D. (Kemp)—Especially beautiful under artificial light. It is a real art dahlia of a bright apricot buff color. Flowers average 9 inches and are held well above the foliage on long stems.

 Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.
- MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN, D. (Pelicano)—A very fine dahlia. A giant on good stems. Color is mulberry suffused with gold.

 Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.
- MRS. F. E. BULLARD, P. (Broomall)—Beautiful light pink, flowers are immense in size, borne on rather short but strong stems in the greatest profusion. Blooms are extra deep for a peony dahlia.

 Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.50.
- MRS. I DE VER WARNER, D. (Marean)—One of the standard varieties that wins its share of the blue ribbons at the fall shows. Color orchid cattleya shade. Strong bush, good stems.

 Tubers, \$1.00; Plants. \$1.00.
- MRS. J. M. ROOT, H. C. (Root)—Immense flowers of pure canary yellow. One of the largest dahlias. Petals are long, broad and slightly twisted. Rather shy bloomer for northern localities.

 Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- MRS. J. T. SHEEPERS, D. (Marean)—Upon opening, the flowers are clear, canary yellow which is gradually changed to a beautiful shade of pink suffusion on outer petals. Good upright stems.

 Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- NICHU, H. C. (Boston)—An extremely large light sulphur yellow of perfect formation. The flowers have fine, long, stiff stems and remarkable keeping qualities, lasting for days when cut.

 Plants. \$2.50.
- PAPILLON, H. C. (Boston)—Large old rose with yellow shadings. Good form. Free bloomer. Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.

POP STEWART, D. (Fisher & Masson)—This is a remarkable flower of great size. Color, lilac pink. Won First Prize for largest flower in Montclair show. Good stem.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.

- PRIMULA REX, D. (Broomall)—Very well named King of the Primroses. This is probably the best new variety introduced last year. The flowers are massive in form and a light cream or English Primrose color. The flowers are produced quite freely on splendid stems. An exhibition variety of exceptional merit. Plants. \$5.00.
- OUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL, D. (Burns)—A flower that has filled the dream of dahlia lovers. One of the largest of all dahlias, measures from nine to twelve inches across, grown without forcing. It is a gigantic lemon colored decorative with stems that are unusually strong, the blooms are wonderful keepers. Plants. \$5.00.
- **RADIO, D.** (Sampson)—A flower that has held up very good. Very large attractive red and yellow flower with upright stems. Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- ROBERT TREAT, D. (Kemp-Mueller)—This dahlia, similar in color to the American Beauty Rose, is different from any other dahlia in shape or color. Plants are strong growers of branching habit. Flowers 9 to 10 inches in diameter, 4 to 5 inches deep, produced on long straight stems.

Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.

- ROLLO BOY, H. C. (Policano)—This dahlia won First Prize for the largest and best dahlia at the Palace Hotel Show 1924. Color, a delicate amber, shading to old gold. Flowers carried erect on strong stems. Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.
- ROMAN EAGLE, D. (Fisher & Masson)—Large decorative of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper color. Flowers held well above the dark green foliage on stiff stems.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00.

ROSE FALLON, D. (Harding)—Color is deep old gold. Long slender stems. Won First Prize at New York.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.

SANHICANS GEM, D. (Fisher & Masson)—A Giant Decorative. Color is a delicate shade of old rose, thickly suffused with amber in the young state. At maturity it is a clear old rose shade. Petals are long and thickly placed.

Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.

- **SAGAMCRE**, **D.** (Kirby)—This new dahlia is a wonderful commercial and exhibition variety. Color amber gold, elusively shaded with a warm salmon rose and orange buff. An open strong grower with erect stems. Good keeping qualities and of uniform large size. Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.
- SEAL OF CONNECTICUT, D. (Alling)—A large clear yellow. Won first at New York. This is the most pleasing shade of pure vellow we have seen in any dahlia. A good one.

Plants. \$5.00.

- SISKIYOU, H. C., (Broomall)-Pink tinged mauve. One of the very largest flowers ever originated. Usually winning the prize for the largest flower in the show. Stems are strong, holding Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00. the bloom perfectly erect.
- SILVERADO, H. C. (Seal)—Without doubt the largest dahlia of its class ever produced. The immense blooms are of white, gradually shading toward the center to a delicate silvery lavender. The stems are extra long and strong, the tall, well branched bushes are always covered with these huge, feathery blooms.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00.

- SHUDCWS LAVENDER, D. (Boston)—The large bloom is a silvery lavender, slightly shaded to white. Long stiff stem holds the flower erect. Tubers. \$2.00.
- ST. BERNARD, C.—One of the largest dahlias. Color is a soft creamy white, suffused with pink. Good stems.

Plants, \$1.00.

- SUN MAID, H. C. (Edymel)—The large blooms are a gold to deep orange. Strong erect stems. Tubers. \$7.50; Plants. \$3.50.
- TILLAMOOK, D. (Broomall)—Bushes are strong tall growers. The large flowers are a clear vellow, borne on straight stems. Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.

TRENTONIAN, D. (Fisher & Masson)—A large flower of an Indian skin color, a blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze. Highly recommended for garden and exhibition on account of its size, stem and color.

Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75.

WORLDS BEST WHITE, D. (Murphy)—One of the best white decorative dahlias, fine stem, free bloomer, full to the center.

Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.00.

WIZARD OF OZ, D. (Doolittle)—A flower of refined appearance regardless of its mammoth size. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink or soft salmon pink shades, upright stem.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$1.00.

MIXED TUBER COLLECTION

\$2.00 for 1/2 Dozen

\$3.50 for 1 Dozen

In handling our stock there are some tubers from which the labels have been lost, that can not be sold for a certain variety. We are offering them for sale as mixed varieties. We advise you to order early as we have only a few for sale.

GREEN PLANTS

We propagate our own plants as well as several thousand for other growers. We recommend the planting of plants for the fact that they cost less than tubers and do equally as well.

Our method of growing and packing has proven very satisfactory and you are assured of receiving our plants in good condition in any part of the country.

We are propagating over 30,000 plants this spring and are giving our friends a wonderful opportunity to buy, at a much reduced price, any plant listed in this catalog.

SPECIAL PLANT COLLECTIONS

\$5.00 for 8 Plants

Your selection from the following—Papillon, Ambassador, C. B. Githens, Champagne, Frances Lobdell, Frances Seaman, Giant Ruby, Grisette, Halvella, Jersey's Beauty, Jersey's Radiant, Jersey's Sovereign, Junior, Mariposa, Miss Bridgeton, Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, Mrs. J. M. Root, Mrs. J. T. Sheepers, Radio, Rollo Boy, Siskiyou, Worlds Best White, St. Bernard, Robert Treat, Tillamook, Wizard of Oz.

\$4.00 for 4 Plants

Your selection from the following—Emma Marie, Chas. Stratton, Elsie Daniels, Karma, Mordella, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Sanhican's Gem, Sagamore, Trentonian.

\$5.00 for 4 Plants

Your selection from the following—Ellinor Vanderveer, Pop Stewart, Margaret Masson, King Solomon, Miss Atlantic City, Harry Sheldon, Jr., Eliza Clark Bull.

\$6.00 for 4 Plants

Your selection from the following—Casper G. Ware, Faith Garibaldi, Eastern Star, Herald Tribune Elite, Jersey's Beacon, Roman Eagle, Jersey's Mammoth.

\$9.00 for 4 Plants

Your selection from the following—Alice Whittier, Caligona, Grandola Margaret Woodrow Wilson, Miraflora, Mrs. F. E. Bullard, Fay Lampier.

\$16.00 for 3 Plants

Your selection from the following—Eagle Rock Beauty, Rose Fallon, Elite Glory, Marion Broomall, Golden Fleece, Jersey's Caprice, Jersey's Empress, Jersey's Supreme.

DAHLIA HINTS

Do not undertake to grow dahlias unless you like beautiful flowers well enough to give them a reasonable amount of attention. It does not make a particle of difference what you undertake, it will not amount to much, unless you take a little interest in it after it is once started.

Preparing Soil and Planting—Dahlias may be planted any time after the soil has gotten warm and the time for frost is past. In preparing the soil for planting, a light dressing of well rotted stable manure before digging will be sufficient. No fertilizer of any kind is required on rich soil before planting time.

Have the soil plowed and harrowed or dug and the clots well broken. After the soil has been turned and broken up, mark rows 4 feet each way or 5 feet between the rows and 3 feet apart in the rows.

Drive in your stakes and you are ready to plant.

Dig holes close to the stake by removing one shovel full of soil, then throw in one handfull of ground bone. Work well into the soil. Now remove a little more of the soil to the depth of about 5 or 6 inches, lay the tubers down with eye up and crown toward the stake. Cover about 3 inches. After sprout is above the surface of the ground, fill the hole up even. Do not water the tuber until the sprout is up at least 6 inches. Allow only one shoot to grow, pull off all others, this throws all the strength in the one remaining stalk.

In setting green plants, prepare the soil same as for planting tubers. Cover the roots completely and fill the hole up even.

Always protect plants from the hot sun for a few days after planting. A basket is very nice to use as it keeps the hot rays of the sun from burning the plant. Also allows a circulation of air to the plant.

It is best to set green plants after a rain. But a good watering after planting will be very good when soil is dry.

Never allow the dahlia to suffer for the want of water. The dahlia requires water and the soil should have some moisture in it at all times to keep the plant growing and healthy.

CULTIVATING

The best tool to use in cultivating by hand is a small hand cultivator with three blades, one without wheels and used like a hoe. Start to cultivate a week after planting and continue up to September 15th. Loosen the soil around the plant say about 1 inch in depth but when you are a foot from the plant go down deep. Keep it well cultivated between the rows at least once each week and after each rain. It is best to hill the soil around the plant if the soil is heavy. This allows the water to drain from the plant and does not let it stand in a pool of water which is even worse than no water at all.

The plant should be tied to the stake when it is about 2 feet tall.

When the buds appear pinch out the lateral buds, leaving only the crown or center buds. Also pinch out the side shoots for two or three joints below the bud. This will give you much larger and more perfect blooms.

August 1st, sprinkle two handsfull of wood ashes around each plant and rake into the soil. The bone meal has started to act by this time and the ashes act as a neutralizer and give the plant a balanced ration.

FORCING

Don't force your dahlias by feeding them on strong, quick acting fertilizers.

Sheep manure, in particular, will give us a large flower. But what do we have? The bloom is soft and starts to fall as soon as cut. the tubers are almost worthless for planting the next season. We claim forcing is one of the causes of the so called stunt. The tubers are over worked and do not have the vitality to carry the plant through the attack of the insects, which are many during the heat of the summer. It is true with the human race, as well as with plant life, when a person is over worked and out of condition, they are more susceptible to the disease germs they may come in contact with.

It has been said "You can't create disease in your dahlia garden if you wanted to." Well that is true to a certain extent, but if you weaken the vitality of your dahlias by abuse, you certainly invite disease into your garden and expose your weak plants to any thing that might come along.

TO THE COMMERCIAL GROWER

"Don't Force," If you do force your stock to get large exhibition blooms, do not sell the tubers or plants from these forced tubers. It hurts the dahlia business in general. A better plan would be to plant them yourself and you will be the only one to get stung.

We are afraid, too much time is being given to this subject i. e. The Stunt. If I did not know different, I would be frightened to think of growing a dahlia for fear of this stunt. Would you believe it in our whole field last season, over 100 varieties were growing and not a single stunt, with the exception of one variety, Eldorado, which had been forced by another grower the previous season.

To prove what we have witten, we give to all an invitation to visit our fields along the latter part of September up to frost and you can see them growing at the height of the blooming season.





